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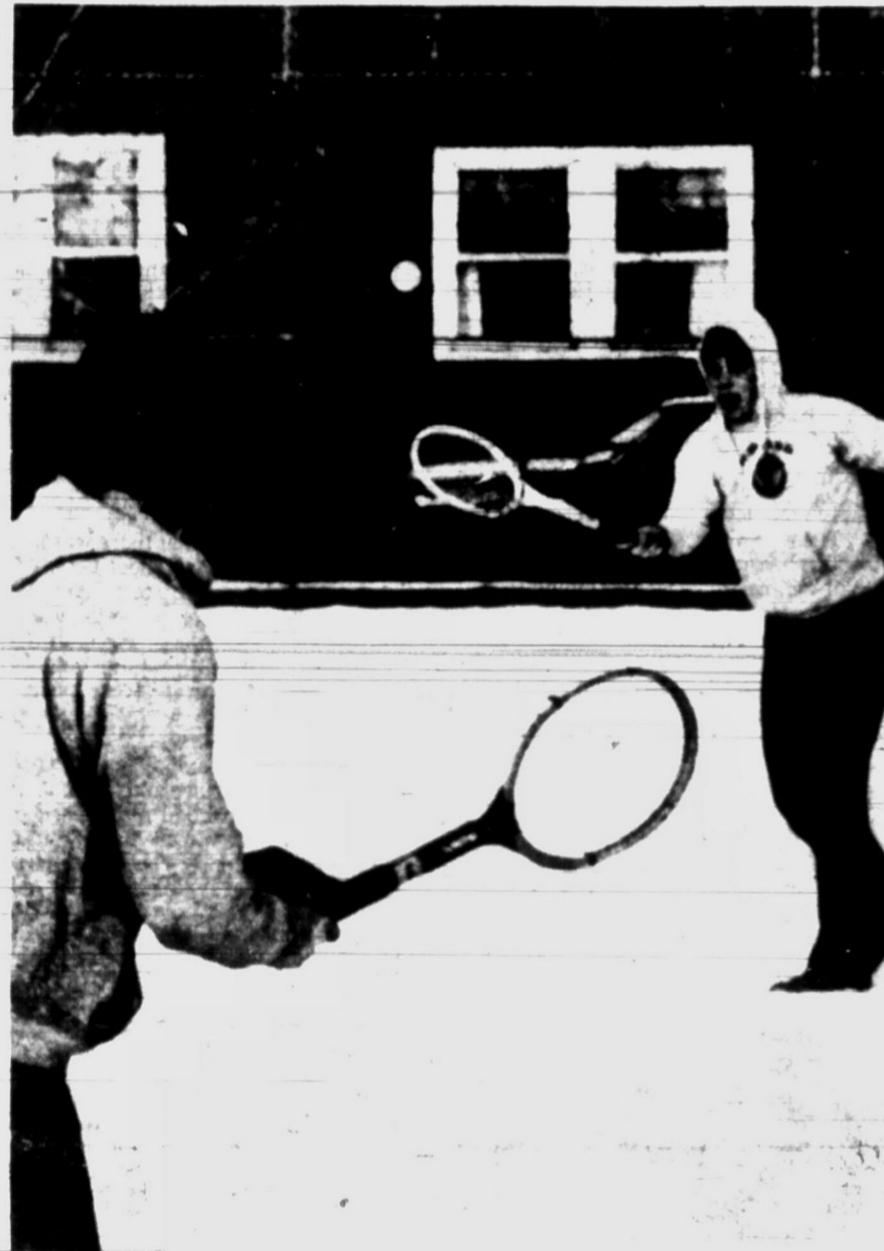
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SNOW SPORTS—Some people just can't wait for spring. Mark Goodhue (above left) and Bob Erickson (right) decided they wouldn't let a little snow keep them from getting ready for the Arlington High tennis team. Bill Eykamp and his son, Colin (below), of Pleasant-st., took a more conventional approach to winter sports by cross-country skiing on Spy Pond.



(Staff photo by Nancy Rezendes)

Safety Dept. To Study Part Of 'Massacre Ave.'

"Massacre ave." as Mass. ave. was called in a letter to The Advocate, is getting some attention from town officials in response to five pedestrian deaths last year and another pedestrian accident last week.

Selectmen have asked the Dept. of Community Safety within the next month to study the avenue and the signalization between the Mystic-Pleasant intersection and Grove st.

That stretch of the avenue includes three churches, Robbins Library, Town Hall, Arlington High School and two supermarkets, in addition to other commercial establishments.

Mary Breslin, 63, who was struck a

week ago Monday while crossing the avenue at night in front of the Stop and Shop is still at Symmes Hospital where she is listed in fair condition.

At Monday night's hearing on the use of federal Community Development Block Grant funds, Town Meeting member Dorothy Kelly, who has been lobbying Selectmen for action on Mass. ave., asked about the Urban Systems Program under which some improvements will be made to the avenue.

Planning Director Alan McClenen said the focus of the program is to improve intersections to protect pedestrians and improve traffic flow. He said the program is planned at Lake st.,

Arlington Center and at Park ave. The Bartlett ave. corner where Foodmaster is located would not be eligible, he said.

Median strips are considered as pedestrian refuges, according to McClenen who said there is a battle going on about whether there should be medians at Lake st. and in the Center. Because the avenue is so wide, the Redevelopment Board has tried to narrow it or put something in the middle to slow help pedestrians.

In response to a question, he said that the federal funds could be used to pay for traffic lights if the town determined they were needed.

Elsie Fiore suggested that the town

take the approach of showing how many people cross the avenue rather than how many were killed. She said this approach persuaded the state to build the pedestrian overpass on Route 2 after several fatalities.

Registration Deadline Near

Arlington residents who wish to register to vote at the town election may do so daily at the Town Clerk's office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at special hours until the deadline day, Feb. 13.

The Town Clerk's office will be open on Jan. 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for those who wish to register.

Special hours will also be held on Feb. 7 from noon to 8 p.m. Office hours on the final day to register will be from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A citizen of the United States who lives in Arlington, and is 18 years old or older may apply for registration at those times.

No name can be added to the voting list, except to correct omissions made by clerical error, after 10 p.m. on Feb. 13.

Town Election is scheduled for March

Armed Robber Nets \$300 Cash Monday

An armed robber held up an East Arlington restaurant Monday night and escaped with approximately \$300 in cash, police said.

Police said the robbery at Ocean Fish & Chips, 101 Broadway, occurred just before 9 p.m. Police conducted a long search in the area, but no arrests were made.

Owners Liberty and Kimo Bolanos and their 15-year-old daughter were working in the shop when the suspect entered. Mrs. Bolanos said the man first ordered a pint of clams. When she told

him there were no clams, he ordered a medium-size cola.

The suspect, described as a six-foot tall white male, about 20 years old, asked the cost of the cola and handed the 45-year-old woman 40 cents.

Mrs. Bolanos later said that while the man was ordering he looked "very nice, like a gentleman."

As Mrs. Bolanos rang the sale up, he pulled out a small, black revolver and told her not to move. After reaching into the cash register and grabbing the

money, the man fled.

Two witnesses, passing the store, heard a scream and told the arriving police that the man had fled on Broadway toward Oxford st. Both the witnesses and victims later gave police good descriptions.

Police Director John Carroll said no car was found in the area and it is possible that the man fled to a car parked nearby. Carroll said the owners will be looking at mug shots and helping police put together a composite picture.

Police Problems:

Public Drinking, Court System, 2½



The Arlington Policeman

Part III

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concludes the interview of two Arlington police officers by editor Kathryn Jorgensen. They discuss the alcohol problem in the community, the courts and Proposition 2.5.

The biggest problem for police in Arlington is drinking say the officers. Says one, "I'm very glad to see no bar rooms in Arlington. I vote no for it every time. I don't want to see it because it's just an extra problem for me."

This officer does not object to liquor being served in restaurants because patrons do not go to such a place to get drunk. He does not want taverns or package stores in town.

The police know that youths buy liquor out of town, but as they see it, the youths may drink it in another town and at least are out of Arlington for a short while. The youthful drinkers don't see anything wrong with their drinking and wonder why the police bother them.

Use of hard drugs has decreased, in the last 10 years, these officers say. Pills, mescaline and marijuana are now the popular drugs, but the officers feel that there is not much point in taking someone

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★ Police

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to court on a marijuana charge. "They just laugh at you or make a token thing at most," says one.

Many of the drinking and drug problems are with youths. The officers feel that less than 10 percent of the youths are a bad element. Any given night there are never more than 20 kids hanging around.

"The parents could care less," says one. "They say, 'Who are you to tell me how to run my kids.'"

Drugs are available on the street, but it is hard for a uniformed officer to see a transaction and make an arrest. When some people are arrested, the officers know something is wrong with them, but they cannot prove drugs. They also suspect who the drug sellers are—the kids with fancy cars, a lot of cash and no visible means of support.

Something else that has changed in the last 10 years is respect for the police. People today, especially young people, "don't have the respect for their parents, for school. The police officer doesn't have the image like when I was a kid," says one.

"Now they want a reason for everything. 'Why do I have to move?' When I was a kid you didn't give him back-up. When he told you to move, you moved."

"Now they feel their rights are being violated. They are more aware of their rights now than we were and they test it."

Adds the other officer, "There is so much civil rights they forgot about the victim. They can call us every foul language you can think of and that's within their rights." He feels that superior officers and town management too often forget that officers are human beings who can take so much, then they have to spit it out. When this happens an officer may be reprimanded.

Ninety-nine percent of the officers react to the way they are treated first. If you say, 'You got me,' I'll say, 'I'm sorry, you've got to go in.' If they start calling me foul language and start swinging at me, it's going to be a little different."

One of the factors affecting morale of officers, they say, is that complaints are filed against an officer with the director of the department or the Town Manager. An investigation is ordered, the men are

asked to make out a report. The men are made to feel that their superiors do not believe them.

One of the frustrations of the job is the experience in court. "A lot of people don't realize there are a lot of assistant district attorneys just out of law school," says one who refers to the training-ground for the rookie DAs.

He recalls the time a complaint he filed was amended so much that he got mad and had the female DA in tears. In this case two men heavily vandalized three cars, taking stereo equipment from one. They were caught and charged with malicious damage, larceny over \$100, breaking and entering in a motor vehicle and malicious damage to property over \$50.

The charges were amended in court to misdemeanors. The officer wanted the felony charges, but it was out of his hands. He says he maybe could have made a big stink about it. If it is a serious case someone could ask the District Attorney to review the case after the probable cause hearing.

The other officer tells about a case where someone driving without a license was found not guilty because it was Thanksgiving. The assistant DA wanted to protest, but the officer advised her not to, because she would have to deal with the judge in the future.

While agreeing that the judges are fair, even though they don't like what some do on occasion, the officers say they are afraid to make a public statement about a judge. "These same judges are going to sit in judgment on us," they explain.

The officers feel that the backlog in court is a problem. They blame it on lawyers who continue cases time after time.

Sometimes the court's view of the seriousness of a charge differs from the police view. The officers say that little punishment is given for breaking and entering. "If no one is in the house they don't view it as serious crime," says one. Instead of being sent to Superior Court the case is referred to district court.

"They have guys down there who have been caught four, five and six times and been let go on personal recognition," says one.

The standard rule down there is that almost any damage to property will be treated as a misdemeanor."

The gun law is supposed to provide for automatic imprisonment for a year for illegal possession. "What they are doing is finding you not guilty. If they don't feel that this person was brought in for a real

bad reason they don't find him guilty."

There was the incident in Arlington which involved a youth with a knife and a stick. One officer took the knife and did not see the steel stick which the youth, who was drunk, hit another officer with. It took a dozen officers to restrain him.

The police wanted to charge the youth with a felony, but the decision was made at the courthouse to make the charge a misdemeanor and keep it at the district court level.

"Here's a kid that needs help. The court said he had an alcohol intoxication problem, and you want to turn him loose to do it again," says an officer. When he was released the first thing the youth said was, "Let's go out and drink." They made a deal without us."

If an officer fights these kinds of deals "you hurt yourself more than anyone else," they say.

For various reasons morale on the police force is not good. One officer feels that part of the problem is that the men don't know the Town Manager. The union recently met with him in the first of what are supposed to be regular meetings, and the rank and file feel that he doesn't know they exist.

Another problem is that superiors who are making command decisions "haven't been on the street for 10-15 years." Says one, "It's completely different. It changes fast."

Proposition 2.5 also is affecting morale. Ninety-five percent of the police budget is for personnel. If big cuts have to be made, that means men will be laid off.

"If you cut 20 men, which is a 30 percent cut, you would be taking almost the whole future police department and throwing them out the door," says one. "Young men with families are not going to hang around."

These officers in the interview are not among the newest members of the department who will be laid off according to seniority, or lack of it. But they look at young men, the men with college degrees, leaving and finding other jobs, afraid to get back into police work again because of the insecurity of the work.

At some point the town will have to rehire and retrain. Not only will this produce a big gap of age and experience within the department, but one officer says that it takes two to three years for an officer to be good and carry his own weight—to have the practical experience

to make him good on the street.

They have heard a suggestion that the police go directly to Town Meeting and seek additional funds if the Proposition 2.5 news is bad and drastic cuts are necessary. The officers don't think that will help much. "Not everyone likes policemen," they say. Who would vote more money for the men who tag cars and arrest people?

★ Cold

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at the engine. More suggestions came from Sam Nigro, owner of Dudley Fuel in Arlington. In his years in the business, he has not seen as many frozen pipes. "I've had 50 this winter," he said.

He believes keeping the temperature constant is important.

A Boston Edison spokesperson for Arlington reported no public power troubles in Arlington related to the weather. In the New England region, two records for electrical use were set by New England Power Pool, an organization of public and private companies that supply the majority of the region's public power.

"Instantaneous use peaked at 15,502 megawatts 6 p.m. on Jan. 12, an increase of 2.2 percent over the old record of 15,169 megawatts set in December 1979. At the same time, electric usage for the first 12 days of the year has increased 12.5 percent over the same period last year," according to a Boston Edison release.

Another area in which effects of the cold weather can be seen are applications for fuel assistance. Sarita Jacobson, intake worker, said a lot of people are coming in for the first time to apply for funds. This year, her office has interviewed about 350 people, most of whom are eligible for assistance.

Adult Dancing

There are still a few openings in the Fidelity House dancing program. The classes run for 10 weeks with instructor Steve White. The fee is \$20 with all classes being taught on Tuesdays: 7-8 p.m., line dancing; 8-9 p.m., ballroom—beginner and advanced.

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★ Vandalism

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windows in the back and Schouler et. side of the school.

The manager said, "I feel just terrible about this." Noting that the town is spending \$16 million to renovate the school and that some windows cost \$500 to replace, he says that with Proposition 2.5 "we can't afford to replace those windows and have those walls destroyed on a daily basis."

In discussing the vandalism with the Selectmen, Marquis said "we are going to have to enlist the cooperation of the students, teachers, parents, School Committee and everyone else." He said he is not convinced that nothing can be done about the problem.

Administrative Headmaster Thomas Reis says that a small minority of students cause the problem during the school day. He says one boy's bathroom has been badly vandalized. He notes that some of the broken windows and vandalism happen on nights and weekends.

"We're looking for the answer," says Reis. The problem has been discussed with the Parents Advisory Council, Student Advisory Committee and Student Council and staff. Teachers are assigned to particular corridor areas during change of classes, matrons are assigned to ladies' rooms and administrators supervise the rest of the school.

Reis does not think the vandalism this year is worse than last year. Overall the student body has been excellent, he says.

Some students have not been able to adjust to conditions during construction as easily as others.

A goal for the coming year is to develop a student solution to vandalism, says Reis. The Student Council is working on this.

Asst. Supt. for Secondary Education William Birmingham says some of the vandalism happens outside of the building and relates to the number of kids who drink behind the school.

His impression is that there was more willful damage to the school before the construction began. Birmingham says some of the damage to walls was in stairwells which were probably not supervised. Not all stairs can be supervised, and if people were assigned to stairs that would leave other areas unsupervised, he says.

Students found vandalizing, as well as using or selling drugs and alcohol, are immediately suspended for a period of time to be determined based on the severity of the offense. The school tries to collect restitution for damages.

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Advice For

Residents With

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DPW Director Dick Bowler offers the following advice to residents who have pipes freeze during the extreme cold:

- When a cold spell starts, most frozen pipes are found to be "caught" inside the home. To avoid this several steps can be taken. They include basement pipe insulation and the tracing of pipes throughout the system and identifying possible trouble spots such as, drafty windows and doors, unheated areas and water meter pits.

- Once these areas are identified, proper action should be taken. Again insulation and/or electric taping of pipes and/or just leaving your kitchen cabinet doors open.

- Lastly, but perhaps the best way to avoid freezes in the home, is to leave a faucet running a trickle when away from home or when sleeping at night.

- As the cold wave becomes prolonged most frozen water pipes are outside the home. Thawing these frozen pipes is both costly and time consuming. The way to avoid this part of the problem, especially for people who have experienced frozen pipes in the past, is to keep a faucet running in the house to insure movement of water throughout the system. Indications of possible trouble are:

- Water much colder than normal.
- Water pressure appears reduced.
- Water is rusty or darkish in color when first turned on.

- If any of the above occurs, it is important to leave a faucet running. People who may be called for advice are:

- Public Works personnel.
- Your local plumbing supply company.
- Your plumber.
- Your local hardware store.

These people have dealt with this problem over the years and are more than willing to assist the public.

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School Officials Look At The Past Year

This look at the Arlington public schools during the past school year was prepared by Supt William Gibbs and School Committee chairman Deborah Ferraro for the annual town report.

In a November referendum, 59 percent of the persons who voted, approved "Proposition 2½." This action ended fiscal autonomy for school committees, ended compulsory arbitration for fire and police, reduced automobile excise rates, and limited the power of local government units to levy taxes. The full significance of these changes is most difficult to assess.

Since the effects of these changes will be multiplied by inflation, soaring energy costs, and no lessening of the public's expectation of services, it is clear that all of us will be required to use our energies and our intellects to present the best programs possible with the resources we have.

When schools opened for the 1980-81 academic year, the project to renovate and expand Arlington High School had reached the halfway point. In 1979-80, to accommodate the construction program, a major portion of the freshman class was satellite to Ottoson and Central. In 1980-81, only Ottoson was needed as a satellite since the numbers of students who were programmed out was reduced. By September, 1981, the entire renovation should be completed.

Over the past year, the major areas of accomplishment at Arlington High School have been preparation for another accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the tightening of discipline, daily adjustment to the problems of renovation and construction, and increased emphasis on academic excellence.

Our achievement level in advanced placement testing was excellent, our law program has been computerized, our entire physical education program is being revised, and despite declining enrollment, increases have been noted in home economics, classics, modern foreign languages. One additional noteworthy accomplishment has been

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the establishment of a Parent Advisory Committee which meets at least monthly with the Administrative Headmaster.

Thomas M. Reis, administrative headmaster of Arlington High School since July, 1979, was unanimously elected to tenure after one year of service in recognition of his outstanding performance. During 1980, Gerald Thebodo was named director of Performing Arts; Charles Harrington, physical education department head for grades 7-12; Richard Collomb, house dean, and Nancy A. Ortwein, assistant house dean.

Also, several systemwide appointments were made. John Britt, business education teacher was named central administrative intern; Joanne M. Garry, director of reading and language arts; Dorothy Healy, head nurse; Alan Oliff, assistant to the director of special education, and Ruth F. Mahon, coordinator of volunteer service.

Our occupational education program has been completely restructured since the opening of Minuteman Vocational and Technical School. Our offerings do not duplicate the Chapter 74 vocational programs of Minuteman, but are exploratory laboratories in business education, home economics, graphics, automotive theory-practice, woodworking, electronics, metals, drafting, and general shop skills. Course offerings in these areas meet needs of students who need educational choices in addition to straight academics. Exploration begins in the junior highs and is expanded and continued in grades 9-12.

Occupational education in the local comprehensive high school continues to receive high priority support from the Commonwealth and the federal government. In 1980, Arlington received \$77,634 in grant monies in this curriculum area for equipment, and in support of efforts to integrate basic skills into career education programs. It is significant to note that in 1979-80, a total of 981 students were enrolled in occupational exploratory courses, 465 in home economics, and 1478 in business.

As was noted earlier in this report,

Junior High East again offered four clusters...two in flexible space and two in classroom settings. The Community Experience Program for eighth graders was continued and the computer education program was presented to all seventh and eighth graders. For the second successive year, students at Junior High East raised funds for the "Globe Santa Program" through a Christmas season dance.

During the year a Parent Advisory Committee met with the East Administration for the purpose of receiving curriculum input, and a Building Review Team of teachers met three times in the spring to complete a curriculum audit and Title I Needs Assessment. Staff at East, along with staff at all other schools, continued preparation for meeting requirements of the state-mandated Basic Skills Improvement Program.

In June, 1980, after being in service for almost 100 years, the doors of Locke School were finally closed and the building turned over to the Town for redevelopment. Careful planning by the school administration and staff of the

schools involved made the transition to the Dallin and Peirce Schools as smooth as possible.

Planning is underway for the closing of the Cutter School in June, 1981, and it is believed that just as successful a transition will occur as students are reassigned to new schools.

Central School, formerly known as Junior High Industrial Arts School, was used during the 70's to serve Parmenter School students, the Central satellite, and part of Grade 9 of the high school. It also has been used as office space for pupil personnel services, and various systemwide curriculum personnel. Central continues to be used as office space and a temporary location for Arlington's Civil Defense Headquarters.

Non-English speaking students from Japan, Korea, France, and Vietnam were enrolled in our elementary schools during 1980 and with the assistance of volunteer tutors and interpreters, the teachers were able to help the students learn English and make satisfactory academic and social progress.

Arlington's METCO Program, serving 65 Boston students continued to operate successfully in several schools. Funding for this program comes from the Commonwealth. Stephen Perry is our new program coordinator replacing Mel Simms, who left Arlington to take an administrative position with the Boston Public Schools.

A new spelling program was introduced during 1980, all schools participated in Great Books Workshops, and an Academically Talented program for grades 4-6 was established. Work on a new Alcohol Education curriculum was completed and the curriculum piloted starting in September. Consistent with statewide goals, a new language arts program which emphasizes writing skills has been adopted.

Students at each elementary school selected a site, prepared the ground and

planted and cultivated a garden. They enjoyed the fruits of their labors in a variety of ways and are being encouraged to make this a permanent activity by the Garden Club.

William J. Hurley assumed the principalship of Thompson School on Nov. 7, 1979, and with the closing of Locke School in June, 1980, Dr. Marilyn E. Flaherty became principal of Peirce School. Numerous teacher transfers occurred at the close of the 1979-80 year as the system adjusted to decreases in enrollment and the closing of Locke.

Self-contained special education classes, formerly housed in Cutter School, were transferred to Stratton. The larger number of students enrolled at Stratton automatically creates more classes at each grade level and thus enhances the opportunities for mainstreaming the handicapped students. Stratton School was also selected to pilot a model generic classroom.

The fluoride tooth-rinse program, underwritten for the past four years by a grant, came to a close in June. Records from the program indicate clearly that there is real value in such a program and because of its simplicity, it can be adopted by any family at a minimal cost.

Changes in the General Laws of the Commonwealth, together with interpretations by the courts, require a constant review of rights of students and disciplinary procedures. With this emphasis in mind, a new elementary disciplinary code was presented to the committee, adopted and filed with the Department of Education. In addition, minor revisions in the secondary area were approved and filed.

Increased emphasis has been given to evaluation of performance by all personnel throughout the system to guarantee the highest quality in the instruction process and in the delivery of services, as well as to guarantee fairness in handling the problem of layoffs.

resulting from decreased enrollments, consolidation, and the financial impact of Proposition 2½.

In the course of the 1980 Town Meeting, the School Committee cooperated with other town boards to purchase a B 1955 Burroughs Computing System. This purchase by the Permanent Town Building Committee as part of the high school project will upgrade the computing systems available to the schools for educational purposes in prime time, and will provide greater power and capacity for handling town business during non-school hours.

Meeting the challenges of the 80's, especially with the mandate which limits tax levies in Massachusetts, will be a demanding task and will call for sacrifices from everyone.

Listed below are the names of personnel whose retirement became effective on June 30, 1980. The School Committee and administration wish to express the sincere thanks of the town for their years of loyal service.

Lois Beckwith, High School, 15 years; John Belle, Jr. High, 13 years; Edward Bradbury, High School, 21 years; Barbara Brown, High School, 15 years; John Byrne, High School, 26 years.

Mary Gilpatrick, Food Service, 6 years; Mary Greeley, Food Service, 23 years; Louise Kell, Junior High, 12 years; Francis Kirk, High School, 32 years; Helen Littlefield, Elementary, 34 years.

Lucille Corcoran, Secretary, 11 years; Marilyn Corcoran, Junior High, 10 years; Margaret Dooley, Food Service, 10 years; Paul Dorrington, High School, 11 years; Joan Duffy, L.D., 10 years; Rose Foley, Secretary, 9 years.

Charles Lowder, Junior High, 27 years; Thomas McGuire, Maintenance, 18 years; Antonette Potter, Librarian, 13 years; Rita Skinner, Home Teacher, 19 years; Dora Vozella, Supvr Nurses, 22 years.

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All Town Budgets Are In: Cuts From 0-30%

This week the last of the independent town department budgets, that of the Assessors, was submitted to the Town Manager and the Finance Committee.

Of the five departments, one is preparing a Proposition 2.5 budget and a more normal budget, one has little change, two make the 2.5 cuts and note the problems the loss of personnel would cause, and one, the Town Treasurer, plans to go directly to Town Meeting and make his case that cutting his budget more than the \$10,000 he has cut would hurt the town financially.

The Assessors, School Dept., Comptroller, Treasurer and Town Clerk all prepare budgets independently. Other town departments, with the exception of the Selectmen's office, prepare budgets under the guidance of the manager who submits them to the Selectmen for review on Dec. 1.

Under the Town Manager Act the independent departments are supposed to send their budgets to Selectmen on

Dec. 1, with copies to the manager, but the Town Clerk was the only one who did this. Selectmen are supposed to send their budget recommendations to the Finance Committee by Dec. 21, but that have decided to hold off action on budgets until late February-early March.

Proposition 2.5 has made the budget process more difficult this year. Officials don't want to go public with specific cuts and/or layoffs until they know what the impact of Proposition 2.5 will be.

That will not be known until the legislature decides if it is going to amend the new law in any way. Another factor that could change the impact of the mandated budget cuts is the final valuation which is allowed by the State Dept. of Revenue for the town which has not completed property revaluation.

By law the Cherry Sheet figures which spell out local aid from the state and assessments the town owes for the MBTA, MDC, county and the like is supposed to be ready by March 1. The

town also expects to hear about that time what total valuation the state will allow the town to use in calculating the impact of Proposition 2.5.

At the beginning of the budget process for his departments, Town Manager Donald Marquis, told his department heads to prepare budgets that could be cut 30 percent, with programs listed by priority. He and School Supt. William Gibbs have both worked on budgets that would show each cutting \$3 million in the event that the Proposition 2.5 impact is that severe.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert O'Neill says he is of the opinion that "all departments must make the same types of cuts." He says that he hopes that the assessment to Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School will be cut by the same proportion that the local school budgets are cut.

For the current fiscal year the town has to raise \$46,104,067 gross. Revenues of \$14,504,65 are anticipated, meaning

that \$31,599,422 has to be raised by taxes. The present tax rate is \$87. The Town Manager's budget book notes that a major cause in the 10.2 percent increase in expenses over the previous year was the 16.4 percent MDC assessment increase and the MBTA's 32 percent increase.

Despite the uncertainty of what the bottom line will be on the Cherry Sheet, and the uncertainty about when the budget process has to begin now that bills have been filed to allow delayed Town Meetings, it is clear that the independent departments are taking independent paths.

Assessors

The Board of Assessors, when asked Monday night by The Advocate when their budget would be submitted, said it would be turned in Tuesday. Chairman William Hauser said it is "just about the same as last year."

He said the budget of about \$80,000 is only three-tenths of one percent of total town spending and cannot be cut.

School Dept.

The School Committee so far has passed out a summary type of budget which shows a bottom line cutting \$3 million under Proposition 2.5 and totals for such budget areas as pupil personnel, elementary and secondary. Subcommittees on those areas are continuing to meet.

The committee voted last week to prepare in detail two budgets for the second week of February—the budget they can stand behind and the Proposition 2.5 budget. Supt. William Gibbs said he would be specific about reductions in staff and program as soon as it appears reasonable or there is no recourse.

Comptroller

The budget of Town Comptroller Al Minervini was submitted with a 30 percent cut, a reduction from \$92,000 to \$64,000. His budget included a message pointing out the affect that such cuts, all in personnel, would have on his department.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Christine Callahan says she is trying to cooperate with the Finance Committee and Town Manager,

so she has prepared a budget that shows a 30 percent cut of two people.

Her personal services budget would have been \$78,246, but she has submitted a budget for \$53,587. She says, "to put it strongly, I feel the duties and responsibilities of this office cannot be carried out with such a reduction in personnel."

In an effort to reduce her budget Mrs. Callahan has submitted a warrant article which would do away with the stenographic recording of Town Meeting. She feels that the verbatim transcript is necessary, and she hopes that the Finance Committee or Town Meeting will restore the money.

She is also responsible for the Registrars of Voters budget which will be reduced from \$54,357 to \$48,101. This budget cannot be deleted by one employee because under the law the office must have both a Republican and a Democrat working in it. The office handles the census and elections, both of which are mandated.

In order to increase revenues which she produces for the town, Mrs. Callahan has submitted warrant articles to increase fees for vital statistics, birth certificates, marriage licenses, affidavits, copies and the like.

What many residents do not know is that the hunting, fishing and dog license fees which she processes and collects are turned over to the county. The town gets to keep 25 cents for a sporting license which could cost from \$12.25 to \$16 and keeps 35 cents for a \$3 or \$6 dog license.

The Mass. City and Town Clerks' Assn. is meeting this week to come up with standardized higher fees and has suggested that the return to the municipalities be increased.

The Town Clerk's office in the past fiscal year was responsible for bringing in \$29,625.88, but \$9,014.25 went to the county for the sporting licenses and \$6,729.45 was given back for dog licenses. The town kept a little over \$1,000.

Other licenses that the Town Clerk's office handles are those voted by Selectmen for such things as lodging houses, gas permits, junk dealers and pole locations. The only licenses which the Selectmen process are common victuallers and alcoholic beverage.

Town Treasurer

Treasurer-Collector John Bilafer has cut \$10,000 from his budget of \$281,089 and says he won't cut 30 percent when he knows it will harm the town. He says he told Town Meeting last year, when an item in his budget was an issue and the Finance Committee told him to go directly to Town Meeting, that he would come to the meeting again. Until then, he says he will not review his budget with any board.

"No one is going to shortchange the town by trying to cut \$20,000-\$30,000 out of my budget and cut my ability to produce investment revenue for the town," says Bilafer.

He says that his department is a revenue-producing one which has been responsible for almost quadrupling the town's free cash position.

Through the investment of revenues his office brought in close to a million dollars last year. Close to another million was earned on school bonds.

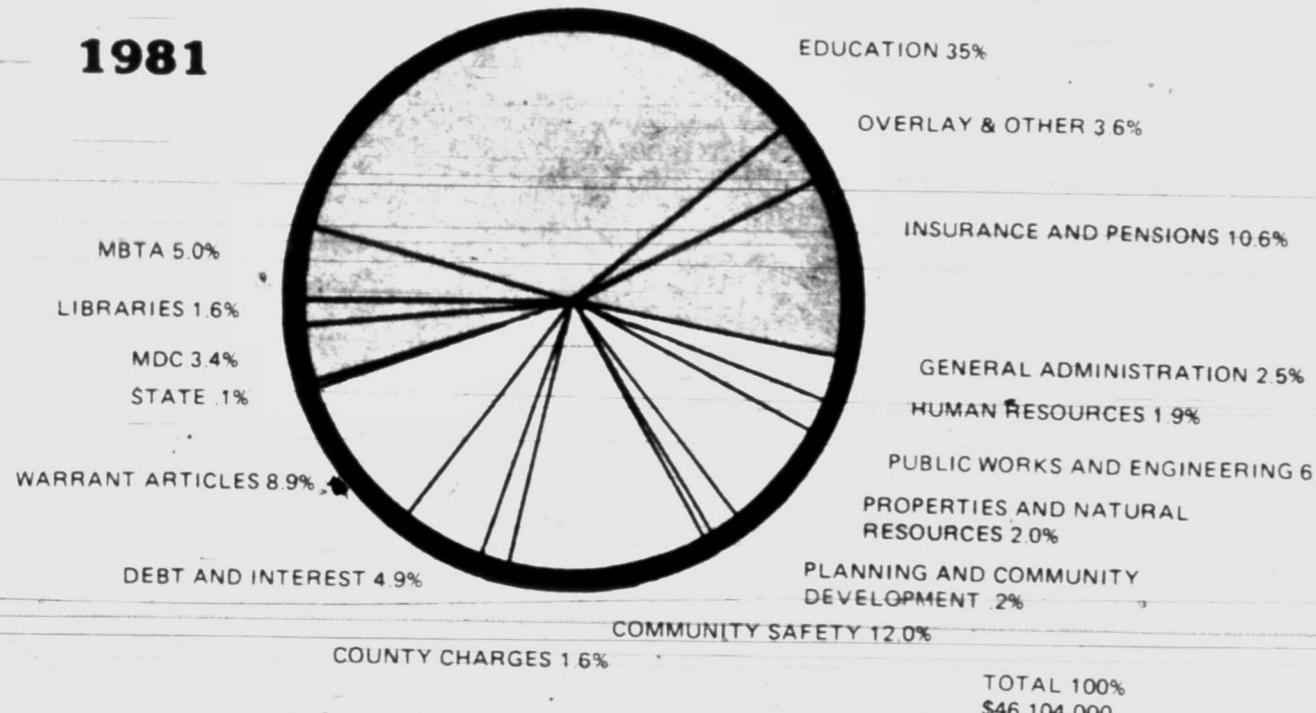
Bilafer says that when he took office in 1972 the department had two more employees than it does now and had a cash revenue of \$13,000. Since then the investment of tax revenue has been built up to close to \$1 million and free cash has gone up from \$500,000-\$600,000 to around \$3 million.

If the Finance Committee takes an approach to budgets this year that every one should be cut 30 percent across the board, Bilafer says he will fight. He calls that approach "the path of least resistance, cowardly and shortsighted." Such an approach, Bilafer says, would be to the detriment of town finances and would lead him to have no confidence in the Finance Committee ability to think rationally about town finances.

That approach Bilafer says would cost the town \$500,000-\$600,000 in revenues lost because his office would not be manned to produce an effective cash management system. "If they think I am going to sit by and see that destroyed they are mistaken," says Bilafer.

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School Committee News

High School Report

Bus Routes

School Trip

Flooding of the new gym and noise levels in the temporary classrooms are two problems being handled by administration. Asst. Supt. William Birmingham told the School Committee.

Birmingham said three to four inches of water flooded the large gym after water pipes there froze during school vacation. Two days of water vacuuming did no good, he said. The rugs placed in the gym because of the temporary classrooms are slowly being restored.

Birmingham also reported that he and Headmaster Thomas Reis were monitoring the high noise level in that gym with 12 temporary classrooms. The classrooms are divided by 8-foot high sheetrock walls that leave the ceiling open. The high ceilings make it difficult to control the noise, Birmingham said. He added that he and Reis are working with teachers in connection with this problem.

Renovation Change

The School Committee approved a change in the high school renovation plans. On recommendation by Supt. William Gibbs, they voted to eliminate plans for permanent partitions in seven rooms.

The effect will be to decrease the number of interchangeable classrooms and make available seven large rooms which can be used for large group instruction. Gibbs said that with declining enrollment fewer classrooms will be needed.

The MBTA recently informed the Superintendent that all special school trips operated by the MBTA will be discontinued March 21.

Eight special trips are currently operating from Arlington High School and about four trips provide transportation to Catholic schools. According to a press release from MBTA Chairman Barry Locke the service cuts are being made in an effort to cut MBTA costs and hundreds of special school trips throughout the state will be eliminated.

The following Arlington trips will be eliminated: Two afternoon trips from Arlington High to Arlington Heights, two trips from Arlington High to the Arlington-Winchester line and one trip from Arlington High to Harvard-Brattle will end. Three morning trips from Arlington to Arlington High will also end.

According to Sue Meyers, assistant secretary of transportation, three trips from Arlington to St. James' School and one afternoon trip from Matignon High School to Arlington Heights will be eliminated.

Meyers said the regular MBTA buses will continue to offer 10 cents student fare.

Gibbs told the School Committee that the secondary principals and the census secretary are looking into the number of students living over two miles from the school they attend. Says Gibbs, "It is expected that we may be able to alter our special education schedules to transport the two-mile students, but no others."

The committee voted permission to allow eight high school seniors to participate in the German-American Partnership Program during June. Birmingham said students intend to make up classes and exams before they leave for Germany June 8.

For future trips, both Birmingham and Reis recommended that the Policies and Regulations Subcommittee develop a new policy for similar requests to be planned around vacations.

Leaves, Resignations

A month's leave of absence was refused to Camille Ferazzi, language teacher at the Ottoson who asked for one unpaid month to accompany her husband on a business trip. Ferazzi presented her request to Gibbs the day of the School Committee meeting.

School Committee members felt there was no illness or family emergency and the request wasn't justified.

There was no motion to vote on a semester leave instead of a month.

A parental leave of absence without pay was granted to Barbara Goodman, special education assigned to Ottoson. The leave is from Jan. 5 to Sept. 1, 1981.

Warrant Article

The committee will submit a warrant article for Town Meeting to change the date the Cutter School is declared surplus.

The article will read "to declare the Cutter School surplus as soon after the close of the school year in June 1981. An earlier vote had declared the school surplus as of Sept. 1, 1981."

In a letter to Supt. Gibbs, Director of Planning and Community Development Alan McClenen said that the selected developer of both the Cutter and Locke Schools will be ready to start reconstruction on the Locke School in late March and is prepared to begin work on the Cutter School as soon as it is available.

School Committee members questioned the future of playgrounds at each school. McClenen said that the developer has plans to build play areas and intend for the architects to work with neighborhood groups in their design.

Civil Service

Civil Service lists for labor service will now be kept and maintained at the local level instead of in Boston. Jerry Houghton, Asst. Supt. for Business, told the committee.

Labor service for the school includes cafeteria workers and school bus drivers. State decentralization means that the civil service list will be kept in Arlington and that applicants will apply for the job locally instead of in applying in Boston.

Houghton applauds the measure although it means slightly more of a workload. Under the current system, Houghton says he waited six months to a year to obtain a list to fill a certain position.

SOI Establishes

Beninati Memorial

The Sons of Italy have established a living memorial fund at the New Arlington Boys' Club, in the memory of brother Benjamin Beninati, who, in his quiet and peaceful ways, contributed much of his time to the Boys' Club, his church, his lodge and other community endeavors.

The interest realized from his memorial fund will be used to provide direct support for children's activities at the Boys' Club, such as membership of needy children. If you are interested in adding to this fund, you may contact George Faulkner at the New Arlington Boys' Club.

Home Care Establishes Waiting List

The Minuteman Home Care Corporation board of directors has voted to establish a waiting list for homemaker services, effective Jan. 19.

Rev. Shirley Goodwin, chairman of the board, says, "Since the State Department of Elder Affairs is underfunded, our allocation is not sufficient to allow us to continue to increase homemaker services to meet the need in our communities. We will do all we can to minimize the negative impact of the curtailment of services on the elderly."

Applicants for home care services will continue to go through the normal intake process. After taking basic information on the telephone, a case manager will visit each elder seeking service. The case manager will try to arrange other services, such as home delivered meals, or companionship, in order to assist the client.

Those persons needing homemaker help will be placed on a waiting list, and will receive service in order of priority need, as stipulated in regulations from the Department of Elder Affairs. There are nine categories of priority need. The highest priority is given to elders who would face immediate placement in a hospital or nursing home without help.

About a dozen of the 27 non-profit home care corporations around the state face the prospect of creating waiting lists before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. The situation exists because of inadequate funding for the Department of Elder Affairs.

"We are counting on advocates for community care for the elderly to voice their concern about this issue," says Rev. Goodwin. "Our legislators need to know the support is there for this important and cost-effective service."

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About Arlington People

Everyone who has ever wished he could send a card to a 100-year-old can do even better than this week. Send a card to **Kitty Perkins** at Park Avenue Nursing Home for her 104th birthday on Jan. 30.

Mrs. Perkins was born in the last year of the administration of Ulysses S. Grant. She lived in Arlington for many years with Theresa Conlon, then in Winchester, before moving to the nursing home in 1976. She was born in Boston where her family lost their home in the great fire of 1872. When she was young she lived in Roxbury and Cambridge, dropping out of school and going to work when she was 17.

Mrs. Perkins, who has no relatives left, later went to business school and became a bookkeeper. She was married for a short time and had no children. The folks at Park Avenue are planning a party for her.

Father and son George and Michael

Mead will be playing in the floor hockey 1981 Father-Son Beapot shootout Wednesday at 6:30 at Liberty Tree Mall, Danvers. Winning pee wee players will be on the ice at the Garden during the Beapot. The shootout is being sponsored by Starcase Pay TV.

The Arlington Jaycees ran their legs off for cerebral palsy this past Sunday at the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon at Quincy Market.

Dressed in Keystone Kop hats and wielding billy clubs, whistles and handcuffs, the group arrested over 25 people an hour during their five-hour stint. Those captured were placed in the now-famous Jaycee Jail for a 15-minute sentence or bail! The arrest warrants and bail each cost \$1.

The list of jailbirds included Jim Craig of Olympic fame, two Patriots cheerleaders and Ray Bourque of the Bruins. Some lesser-known "victims" were jailer Bill Scaglione, the Quincy Market balloonman and nearly everyone from Pizzeria Regina. It was all in fun, and the Jaycees were able to turn over more than \$200 to UCP.

The following Arlington residents have been appointed national officers of Veterans of World War I, USA Inc.: Stanley H. Dodge, National Deputy Service Officer; William J. Blessington, National Deputy Service Officer; Walter Finlay, National Deputy Hospital

Officer; Clarence Marsh, National Deputy Hospital Officer; George Higley, National Deputy Publicity Officer

Susan P. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Smith of 71 Egerton rd., Danvers, has been awarded the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award, as the sophomore representative from Arlington High School. The award is given to one outstanding sophomore from each high school throughout the state who possesses leadership ability.

Susan is on the junior varsity volleyball team, a member of the math team, and is in the Medical Careers Club. She is also active in St. Jerome's youth group and recently participated in a 24-hour rock-a-thon.

David P. Merkel has been elected a fellow of the Mass. Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is an accountant for Sherman, Bernson, Schneider and Gesserman of Newton. Merkel got his master's in accounting from Bentley College in 1978.

Among the 19 students from Johnson and Wales College, Providence, who have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is Thomas D. Burke of 1 Carl rd.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, he received his A.S. in culinary arts and is getting his B.S. in food service management.

The American College of Physicians has elected Dr. John P. Berkoben to fellowship in the society. Fellowship entitles holders to use the initials FACP after their names. Dr. Berkoben, who is on the staff at Symmes Hospital, is a 1973 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Mary Baldwin College senior Pamela Sweeny has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweeny and is a mass communications major active in the Staunton, Va., college's theater.

Two associates of Century 21, Garrity Realtors of Arlington, have successfully completed Course 1 of the Realtors Institute of Massachusetts. This is the first step toward nationally recognized designation of GRI, Graduate Realtors Institute.

Bessie Theodolou and David E. Lynch, both of Arlington, are realtor associates. Both have passed extensive Century 21 courses.

Barry Paul Yunes has completed initial training at Delta Air Lines' training school at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. The 1969 Arlington High graduate has been assigned as a second officer out of Atlanta.

Yunes graduated from UMass in 1973 and served with the U.S. Air Force. He is

the son of Dorothy Rose of Arlington. His wife is the former Theresa M. Carpenter of Eatontown, N.J.

Among the 30 skiers from Massachusetts who participated in the 5th Annual Bretton Woods-Easter Seal 24 Hour Ski Challenge in New Hampshire which raised more than \$3100 for the Mass. Easter Seal Society was Paul Simon. Each skier got pledges for each hour skied. Simon raised \$175.

Marilyn Rezendes has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She attends Salem State College.

The Family Advisory Service and Treatment Center Inc., a private, non-profit counseling service which specializes in concerns related to the elderly and their families, will sponsor a workshop on "As Families Age" at Belmont Public Library at 10 a.m. on Feb. 7. Panelists will include the center's founder and medical director Dr. Stanley H. Cath. For registration information, call the center in Belmont.

Artist Andrea Menna-Taylor and her father, Andrew Menna, are exhibiting oil paintings, etchings and watercolors on the second floor of Santa Maria Hospital.

Averaging 4.5 points a game with the Nichols College basketball team is freshman forward Brian Kissane. The Arlington High graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kissane, has started a couple of games as forward.

Artists Estelle Black and Barbara Stackpole are exhibiting 20 paintings in oil and acrylics for 12 weeks in the private libraries of Mitre Research Laboratories in Bedford. They are showing landscapes, seascapes and animals.

Girls of Irish ancestry are invited to enter the 1981 Rose of Tralee Pageant. The first contest will be held in March with state finals in June. Entrants will be judged on intelligence, appearance, personality, poise and graciousness, and good dress sense.

For information or applications contact Eileen O'Sullivan of 171 Waverley st. The ultimate winner will get a free trip to Ireland for eight days to compete in the international rose festival in Tralee, County Kerry.

The DeCordova Museum in Lincoln recently purchased a work by visual artist David Ardito of School st. The work is an oil pastel drawing, part of a series of drawings which he has been exhibiting in the Boston area.



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NILES, Ill. — The story of a small fortune lost because a housewife had no idea her glass plate was a collector's item, recently came to light.

In a letter to J. R. MacArthur, chairman of the Bradford Exchange, world's largest trading center in collector's plates, a Madison, Wis., woman wrote: "I had a LaFleur 1965 plate ... which I sold to a friend for \$40. I had not heard of you at that time."

The plate she sold is actually valued at more than \$1,800. Although MacArthur points out that this price is exceptionally high, he said, "I'm afraid others may be losing hundreds or thousands of dollars by not knowing what their plates are worth."

To aid in identifying potentially valuable plates, the exchange offers free information on opportunities in promising plates still available at low prices.

To obtain a copy without cost or obligation, just send your name (please, no company name), address and zip code, before Saturday of next week, to: The Bradford Exchange, Dept. B77504, 9301 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL 60648. A postcard will do.

Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 15, 1981

Collins' Corner

By Leonard Collins

Two Decades



Last week's column had brief details of the writer's visit to the John F. Kennedy inauguration that he attended 20 years ago. As you read this we have had a new President sworn into office and here's hoping the weatherman will give nice weather to that great event. That day tops all news in the world, so the writer's mind drops back two decades ago and also a few years earlier.

One time a dinner was held in Washington honoring a gentleman who was named the Top Realtor in the United States, and he was General Robert Wood, president of Sears Roebuck. In his opening remarks he said, "Every now and then, we should all stop and take a look at ourselves and see where we have been and where we are going." Churches for many years have done that, but with the advent of T.V. many don't take up the challenge.

A quick dinner, a change of clothes, hair curlers, the bath robe, and a comfortable pair of slippers, plus the his and her favorite easy chairs, and who cares about the troubled world, as one can read it in the morning papers. Also one needs his sleep, even though many doze off before the villain shoots the culprit. So as Jimmy Durante said many times, "Ladies and gentlemen, there are millions of them."

So the writer takes a peek into the past. It was in baseball in 1961 when Roger Maris of the Yankees hit a home run and broke Babe Ruth's record by one. It was accomplished on the last day of the season, and believe it or not, it was against the Red Sox. But the worshippers at the shrine of the Babe never did really believe it, as that season was eight games longer than when Ruth played, and very few of his pals ever felt he would not have knocked a few more round trippers if he had played those extra days, as did Mr. Maris.

When Maris hit that home run into the right field bleachers a fan retrieved the ball and a restaurateur from Sacramento offered the fan \$5000 for the historical white pellet, which figured a pretty nice profit for a fan who had paid 2 bucks for his bleacher seat.

It was in 1961 that a gentleman named Harold Wilson died. During the dark bootlegging days of Prohibition he was appointed Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer for the Greater Boston District, and he became quite strict and very controversial. At one time he and his men raided the Quincy House in Boston, which was a very favorable spot for the Brahmins on Beacon Hill who controlled the political destinies of our city at that time.

However, Mr. Wilson and his men confiscated two barrels of beer and took down the names of all those who were present. Now the Democrats who were meeting in another hotel were not raided and the next day were jumping around with glee and made political fodder of the raid.

Now the boys up on Beacon Hill looked with scorn on the intrusion of their private meeting. Even though most voted dry they did a bit of political checking and Mr. Wilson was reassigned to a post far removed from the boys from Beacon Hill who continued to vote dry but drink wet. Down Quincy way was a police officer known as "2 Gun," but Mr. Wilson became known as "3 Gun."

Strange times many years ago, but the writer just does not believe in the statement heard, "Give me the Good Old Days," because those days are here now in the year 1981. By the way, the Red Sox had a new player in 1961 named Carl Yastrzemski. Yes, those past 20 years moved through here very fast. So as you read this, let's hope Tuesday had nice weather to honor our new President, Ronald Reagan.

Bulletin Board

Assessors, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Town Hall.
Selectmen, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall.

Finance Committee, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Redevelopment Board, Jan. 26, 8 p.m., Town Hall Annex.

School Committee, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m., Central School.

Town Day Executive Committee, Jan. 29, 4 p.m., Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Pupil Personnel Services Sub-committee, Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Central School-budget overview: counseling, guidance, home instruction, alternative program, special education, health services and management.

State House Directory

Sen. Sam Rotondi
727-8822
Room 218
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

Rep. Mary Jane Gibson
727-5374
Room 466 until December
Room 446 after December
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

Rep. John Cusack
727-5330
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

Gov. Edward J. King
State House
Boston, Mass. 02133

EDITOR'S NOTE: We don't know how helpful we will be, but we will try. A spokesman for the Mass. Dept. of Revenue defines equalized valuation as "property assessed or determined to be at 100 percent fair cash value."

According to the 1980 equalized valuation for the town of Arlington which the Dept. of Revenue just issued, Arlington's valuation for last year was \$784,900.00.

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Corruption

TO THE EDITOR:
The Special Commission on State and County Buildings has concluded its two and a half year investigation into government building contracts and procedures. Its final report contains a picture of mismanagement, political favoritism and corruption that has left the state with a multi-million dollar repair bill for poorly planned and shoddily constructed public buildings.

The commission's conclusion that "corruption has been a way of life in this

Man About Town

Three more workshops teaching people how to winterproof their homes will be held today and Saturday. Residents who meet income qualifications will be able to get free weatherization kits with materials they need to do some work around the house.

Homeowners and business people who have handguns for protection but don't know what to do with them are invited to sign up at the Police Station for a firearms course to be run by the Auxiliary Police. The class, to be held on the evenings of Feb. 15, 22 and March 1, will include shooting on the police range. Call Capt. Flynn for information.

The comments in this column last week about the Selectmen's objectives got garbled up when a line was dropped out. The column intended to express concern that the Selectmen might move more toward a daily involvement in running the town than they should. It also listed some of the areas that had been suggested for attention by the board, including consolidating the Town Manager-Executive Secretary functions, recodification of by-laws, creation of a town-wide administrative-finance department and zoning by-law revision.

This week the board decided that members would think of their own goals for next week's meetings. These are to fall within the areas of administrative, financial, environmental, social and town meeting-election responsibilities. The board hopes to come up with some goals before meeting with department heads about budgets for the coming year. Selectman Robert Murray reminded members that the overriding goals this year are financial, which is certainly an understatement.

The strength of the leadership in the Mass. House and the friends of the leadership were apparent in last week's roll call votes. Rep. John Cusack, reappointed as chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, voted against the rule requiring the chairmen of House committees to be elected by members. Mary Jane Gibson voted for it. The bill lost 98-49. Cusack also voted against a rule limiting House sessions to 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. except in emergencies. Rep. Gibson voted for it. This bill was aimed at "government by exhaustion," the term for all-night sessions. Both reps voted against a rule saying that all budgets and bills increasing state taxes would have to be voted at roll-call. Cusack voted for the leadership rule to limit debate on reconsiderations from 30 to 15 minutes and have the matter voted on immediately. Rep. Gibson favored an amendment to keep the 30-minute debate and allow voting on reconsideration the next day.

Sen. Sam Rotondi will be on Channel 5 on Tuesday to speak in favor of sunset legislation. He was asked, as a major proponent of the legislation, to rebut the station's editorial which said that sunset legislation would not work. Rotondi says the law, which would require administrative agencies to be periodically examined for their effectiveness and usefulness, would create little additional expense. He says that politicians and administrators do not easily fire people or abolish nonproductive programs, so that the burden should be shifted to the employees and agencies to rationalize their existence or be terminated.

To The Editor

Valuation

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in the hope that The Advocate or some town official can explain what appears to be a discrepancy between some information recently published in several stories in The Advocate and my impression of the effect of inflation on property values in the town since the last revaluation in 1969.

What I believe I read was that the total assessed valuation of all property in the town was \$785 million in 1969, and that it is estimated that if revaluation took place today, the comparable figure would be \$1.19 billion.

This strikes me as rather low; it represents an increase of only 51.6 percent. An inflation rate of only 6 percent annually compounded for 12 years would cause valuations to double.

I doubt that in any year since 1969, the cost of construction has increased as little as 6 percent. Hence it seems reasonable to me that the total valuation should have more than doubled since 1969. I would not be shocked to learn that the figure was 2.5 or even 3 times the 1969 equivalent.

I would also like an explanation of the term "equalized valuation." I understand that both the town and the Citizens for Limited Taxation have accepted "equalized valuation" as the legal definition of the term "full and fair market value" used in Proposition 2.5.

A resident

state may, perhaps, not surprise a public which is already cynical about the integrity of its public officials. But when the report reveals an estimated cost to the average taxpayer of \$6900 for standard work done in the past 12 years, it is surely time to put an end to private gain at public expense!

What this means is that it is time to implement the reforms proposed by the Special Commission. The long delay in naming someone of quality to the post of Inspector General arouses doubt as to the seriousness with which the Governor, Attorney General and Auditor view the necessity for a strong watchdog over public funds.

In addition, corrective legislation is needed to undo the tinkering the legislature did at the end of the session weakening the Inspector General's powers.

Most important of all, the General Court should move quickly to pass an effective public financing law for Massachusetts. This is badly needed to reduce the pressure on public officials and candidates for office to accept generous "campaign contributions" from those who are anticipating special favors in return for their money.

Governor King's support for a public financing law "in principle" which was contained in his State of the State message, was a tentative step in that direction.

I hope readers of The Advocate share my belief that this is the time to make the public's interest and concern in the matter of corruption known to the Governor and to our Representatives Cusack and Gibson, informing them that we are anxious to see the commission's bills passed without delay in the 1981 session.

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Schools & 2½

TO THE EDITOR:

If, as a result of Proposition 2½, the Arlington School Dept. is forced to execute the budget cuts now under discussion, it will be the demise of public education as we know it today.

Faced with the prospects of the "shrinking pie," department will be pitted against department, teacher against teacher, program against program. The citizens of Arlington must become aware and involved and must prevent this from happening.

Many people say, "the public has voted and we must respect this mandate." Nothing could be further from the truth. The public voted in an angry way for a "quick fix" style of tax relief.

No one in this town voted for the elimination of the art department, or the music department or the elementary reading or library program.

No one voted to eliminate support services or counseling or athletics. No one voted to ignore 50 years of educational development and to ignore various learning styles and to return to the "three R's." We did not hear the voters, on their way into the polls, say that they had done extensive research and that now, based on sound educational theory, they had decided to dismantle the public school system.

It wasn't long ago that the citizenry resisted the idea of possible double sessions at our high school. The students will have a "lost year" they said. What about a lost four years?

The voting public defeated a plan for a new high school because it appeared too expensive. With the extensive renovation

on the old high school and built-in inflation, how much have we spent? With the proposed personnel cuts, will we have anyone to staff the school? Will we have anyone to maintain it? Recently we listened to impassioned pleas to save the neighborhood school. What about the school system?

The fear of impending cuts is already having a profound effect on the fine professional staff in the Arlington Schools. Many enthusiastic and well-trained young teachers may soon be on the unemployment roles. Working conditions will be severely impacted for the more senior teachers who have creatively and devotedly served this town for so many years. Arlington taxpayers must support the educators to whom they have entrusted their children and their grandchildren.

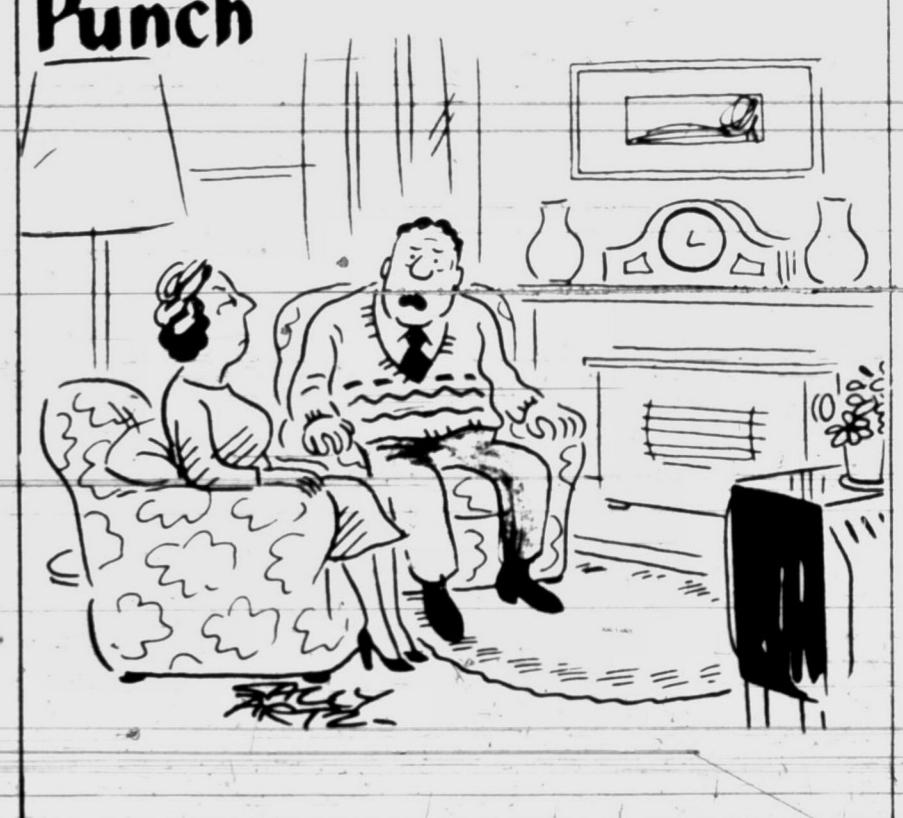
Those who sit passively by and allow these cuts to occur, must be terribly satisfied with the world we live in and must not care that the next generation be educated. They must be satisfied that young people can read and solve problems sufficiently.

They must feel that youth make good decisions about drugs, social behavior and careers. They must believe that, magically, the nuclear age is no longer complicated and challenging. They must feel secure that in their old age, they will be well taken care of by a sensitive and enlightened next generation. They must no longer believe that a child is the only known substance from which a responsible adult can be made.

We have an exceptional school committee, administration and professional staff. With support from the people of Arlington, there is a chance we can keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Susan Christmas
Second Vice President
Arlington Education Association

Punch



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To The Editor

Registration

TO THE EDITOR:
The League of Women Voters of Arlington urges you to register to vote in order that you will be able to participate in the upcoming Arlington town elections which will be held Saturday, March 7, 1981.

You may register in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall. The last date to register for the town elections is Friday, Feb. 13, 1981, and the Town Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on that date.

Usual office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional registration hours will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 12 noon to 8 p.m., for your convenience.

If you are a registered voter but will be out of town on election day or you are physically handicapped, you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. This may be done by filing an application with the Town Clerk for an absentee ballot up until noon on Friday, March 6.

Please be sure to register so that you may have a voice in electing Arlington's town officials.

Sincerely,
Chris Recher
President
League of Women Voters
of Arlington

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TO THE EDITOR:
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WWI Vets

TO THE EDITOR:

rather than a speech I am sure that all the children were left with the warm feeling that police officers in general and Officer Steele, in particular, were friends to be called when needed.

We, in Arlington, are indeed fortunate to have such practical, worthwhile instruction offered in our schools.

Molly F. Yood

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

My family and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Arlington Rescue and to Officer Gary Provenzano for all their help when called to our home Dec. 29 for my husband, Nicky.

Arlington should be proud of these fine men who were there in our time of grief and sorrow. The Arlington Police are there when needed.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were there to lend their love and comfort.

Family of Nicholas Ruggiero
Liz, Mark, Anne & Lori

Safety Lesson

TO THE EDITOR:

A week ago Thursday I had the privilege of witnessing a truly dedicated professional at work. Police Officer Joseph Steele of the Arlington Safety Dept. The event took place at the kindergarten of the Dallin School where I volunteer.

Officer Steele cautioned the children of the many dangers and pitfalls that are part of daily living and how to avoid them. He also mentioned what to do if an emergency arises and what daily habits to follow so that emergencies will not arise.

He spoke to them at their level, illustrated one possible occurrence with a film strip, and left them with several coloring books that depicted the various phases of the subject.

In each instance there was a dialogue

Ask The Ombudsman

Please refer questions to Community Ombudsman Alberta Sills, 646-1775.

Q. I am a retired citizen with professional skills and experience as well as some time on my hands. In the face of Prop. 2.5 forcing budget and staff cuts, I would like to volunteer my services for some town programs particularly those for the elderly. How could I go about doing this?

A. This is a paraphrase of a surprising number of letters we've received in the Town Manager's office. Like the polisters, we were way off in our predictions. We expected more anxious inquiries and demands for services and instead are seeing a spirit of cooperation and altruism. The manager feels very pleased that rather than complaining, people are rising to the occasion and asking what they can do to help. As happens in natural disasters, in times of adversity people seem to become more generous and caring for one another. Many offers are from "seniors" for whom rugged individualism and independence is nothing new; but a surprising number are from young and those in the middle, suggesting the "Me Decade" might be transformed to a "You" generation.

If you are interested in working with the elderly you should write to Scott Plumb, Director, Council on the Aging, Jarvis House, Pleasant st., or call him at 643-6700 X 357. Those who are interested in working with children should contact Ruth Mahon at the School Department, 643-1000 X 467. And please send us a carbon of your letter; it's good for our morale.

Q. We notice that the lights on Rte. 2 have finally been repaired and want to applaud you on your lobbying for this.

A. While I feel my nagging and swipes at the DPW had something to do with the action, I wouldn't dare claim omnipotence that would affect state agencies. Besides, I have enough trouble seeing to it that the sun comes up every morning!

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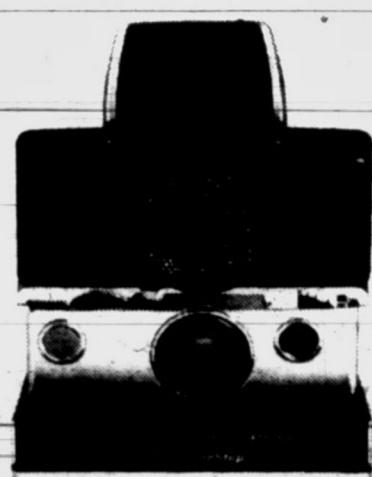
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NOTICE OF BIDS

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Sealed proposals, addressed to the Town Manager, Robbins Town Hall, Arlington, Massachusetts, endorsed to:

Cleaning Tube Boilers in Bishop Elementary and East Jr. High School, Arlington, Mass., will be received by the Purchasing Agent at his office in the addition of the Robbins Town Hall, Arlington, Massachusetts, until 10:00 O'Clock A.M. on Monday the 9th day of February 1981.

Specifications, blank form of proposal, notice and form of contract may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office in the Robbins Town Hall Addition, Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, Massachusetts.

Proposal must be accompanied by a certified check for One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or a bid bond of 5 percent of the bidder's proposal payable to the Town of Arlington.

All bids must be in sealed envelopes, clearly identifying project enclosed in bid envelope.

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Bids to receive consideration must be in the hands of the Purchasing Agent or his authorized representative not later than the day and hour above mentioned.

For further information relative to this bid, please confer with Mr. John E. Bowler, Purchasing Department, Town Hall Addition, Arlington, Mass.

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 2 16 oz
 CANS

FRESH PORK Shoulders

SMOKED SHOULDER
 10 TO 14 LBS.
 MISS FANCY 1 09
 lb.

Boneless Veal Roast
 TENDER YOUNG

VEAL STEW
 BONELESS
 1 99
 lb.
 FAMILY FRANKS
 1 LB
 PKG

Semi Boneless Hams

BEEF FRANKS
 REPCO
 1 LB 1 59
 PKG
 JIFFY'S
 *GRAVY WITH TURKEY-CROQUETTES
 *CHARBROIL PATTIES
 32 oz
 PKG 1 49

Chicken Franks
 OR BOLOGNA
 1-LB.
 COLONIAL
 89¢

JUMBO FRANKS
 KAHN'S
 BEEF
 1 LB 1 69
 PKG
 SHAVED STEAKS
 LOVITT'S
 2 69
 lb.

Chicken Pot Pies
 MRS. BUDD'S
 WHITE MEAT
 26 oz
 PIE
 1 99

POLISH HAM
 KRAKUS
 SLICED
 8 oz
 PKG 1 79
 DAISY ROLL
 WHITE-SMOKE
 PORK SHOULDER BUTT
 1 69
 lb.

Delicatessen

Delicious Glazed • SLICED AS DESIRED
SMOKED HAM
 Sliced
 As
 Desired
 2 59
 lb.

TURKEY BREAST
 ALL WHITE MEAT
 2 69
 lb.
 HAM BOLOGNA
 PLUMROSE
 1 59
 lb.
 KIELBASY ROLL
 HANSEL
 2 39
 lb.
 DUTCH LOAF
 GEM
 1 59
 lb.
 PEPPERONI
 CORANDO
 2 69
 lb.
 PORK SPREAD
 CANADIAN
 1 39
 lb.
 HOME BRAND LOAF
 GEM
 1 39
 lb.
 FRANKFURTS
 HOLIDAY
 NATURAL CASING
 1 79
 lb.

Seafood

OCEAN FRESH
 PACIFIC
 SNAPPER
 FILLETS
 199
 lb.
 Halibut STEAKS
 Swordfish STEAKS
 Salmon STEAKS
 2 99
 lb.

Dairy

100% FLORIDA
 Hood's Orange Juice
 179
 Save
 60¢
 PLASTIC
 GALLON

Cheese DeMoulas &
 Market Basket
 149
 Save 40¢
 24
 Slices
 16 oz.
 PKG.

Sharp WISCONSIN
 1 YEAR OLD
 199
 lb.
 Save
 40¢

Shredded FARM
 VALLEY
 2 1
 4 oz.
 PKGS.

CORN MARGARINE
 FLEISCHMANN'S
 79¢
 16 oz.
 QTRS.
 4 8 oz.
 QNTS.
 \$1
 TASTY SPREAD
 BLUE BONNET
 2-LB.
 BOWL
 1 09
 5 oz.
 PKGS.

YOGURT NEW COUNTRY
 6 FLAVORS
 4
 8 oz.
 QNTS.
 \$1
 BISCUITS MERIC
 HOMESTYLE BUTTERMILK
 1 09

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